

R12-4-410. Aquatic Wildlife Stocking Permit

- A. An aquatic wildlife stocking permit allows an individual to perform any of the following: import, purchase, possess, transport and stock any species designated on the permit at the location specified on the permit.
- B. An applicant shall apply for an aquatic stocking permit on forms provided by the Department. Applications are available at any Department office. An applicant shall provide the following on the application:
 - 1. Name, address, telephone number, birthdate, physical description, and if applicable, Department ID number;
 - 2. If the applicant will use the wildlife for a commercial purpose, the name, address, and telephone number of the applicant's business;
 - 3. The wildlife species, the number of animals per species, and the approximate size of the wildlife that will be used under the license. If the application is for use of multiple species, the applicant shall list each species and the number of animals per species;
 - 4. The name, address, and telephone number of the location where the wildlife will be held, if applicable. Otherwise, the applicant shall provide the physical location of the holding site, including river drainage, township, range, and section. If the applicant applies to hold wildlife in more than one location, the applicant shall submit a separate application for each location;
 - 5. A detailed description or diagram of the facilities where the applicant will hold the wildlife;
 - 6. The name, address, and telephone number of all wildlife suppliers from whom the applicant will obtain wildlife;
 - 7. The date wildlife will be stocked, or dates if stocking will take more than one day;
 - 8. If the applicant is applying for an aquatic wildlife stocking permit to stock wildlife in an area where the wildlife has not already been introduced, or where the wildlife is not currently established, or to stock wildlife that conflicts with the Department's efforts to conserve wildlife, a typewritten, computer or word processor printed, or legibly handwritten proposal that clearly states:
 - a. The purpose for introducing the aquatic live wildlife species;
 - b. The anticipated benefits from introducing the aquatic live wildlife species;
 - c. The potential adverse economic impacts of introducing the aquatic live wildlife species;
 - d. The potential dangers the introduced species could create for native and game fish, including whether or not the introduced species is compatible with native or game fish;
 - e. The potential ecological problems that the introduced species could create;
 - f. The diseases and parasites inherent in or associated with the introduced species;
 - g. The anticipated hybridization concerns with introducing the species; and
 - h. Any suggestions to evaluate the status and impact of the species after it is introduced; and
 - 9. The applicant's signature and the date of signing. By signing the application, the applicant attests that the information provided is true and correct to the applicant's knowledge and that the applicant's live wildlife privileges are not revoked in this state, any other state, or by the United States.

- C. An aquatic wildlife stocking permit holder shall stock wildlife only on the date or dates stated on the permit. An aquatic wildlife stocking permit holder is only authorized to stock wildlife for 20 consecutive days.
- D. The Department shall issue an aquatic wildlife stocking permit in compliance with R12-4-106. The Department shall deny a wildlife stocking permit if the applicant proposes to use aquatic wildlife that is not compatible with or poses a threat to any wildlife within the drainage or area where the stocking is to occur. If the Department determines that issuance of the permit will result in a negative impact to state wildlife, the Department shall deny the permit. If the Department denies the application for a permit, the Department shall proceed as prescribed by R12-4-409(D).
- E. An aquatic wildlife stocking permit holder shall obtain all aquatic wildlife, live eggs, fertilized eggs, and milt from a licensed fish farm operator or a private noncommercial fish pond that has been certified free of the diseases and causative agents specified by any additional stipulation placed on the permit by the Department at the time of application or permit renewal, as authorized by R12-4-409(F). Certification is based on a physical inspection of the fish farm or fish pond of origin performed not more than 12 months before the wildlife or biological material is shipped. The Department has the authority to require that an inspection be performed sooner than 12 months. The inspection shall be performed by a qualified fish health inspector or fish pathologist. The inspection shall be performed at the fish farm or fish pond where the wildlife or biological material is held before it is shipped. A copy of the certification shall accompany each shipment.
- F. Native aquatic wildlife species shall be obtained and disposed of as directed by the Department.
- G. An aquatic wildlife stocking permit holder is subject to the provisions of R12-4-409 and R12-4-428.